



*September 23, 2011*

Today is **George McCandless' last day** with the City of Franklin. George has served the community for **35 years as a Solid Waste Driver/Operator**. Please join me in thanking George for 35 years of dedicated service!

Our **United Way Day of Fun** is happening next Friday, **September 30 at Fieldstone Park**. The activities include kickball, a bake sale from 9am-1pm, and lunch—hamburgers or hotdogs for a \$5 donation. It also includes chips and drink. Your department rep is taking pre-orders. Volunteers are also needed! If you have time to spare an hour contact Monique McCullough at x6606 or [moniquem@franklintn.gov](mailto:moniquem@franklintn.gov). Also set as another fund raiser is a 5K at The Park at Harlinsdale on November 12. More details on both to come soon.

**Employee flu shot clinics** will be **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom** and **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Training Room**. Flu shots will be available to full-time employees and their spouses, and part-time employees. This year's flu vaccine protects against 3 strains of the virus including H1N1. The CDC has a great resource for flu information at [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/?s\\_cid=seasonalFlu2010\\_007](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/?s_cid=seasonalFlu2010_007).

Congratulations to our **Franklin Police Traffic Unit and Swat Team Members**. The Traffic Unit placed **FIRST for having Tennessee's best child safety and occupant protection programs and was also recognized as having the best overall traffic safety program of any Tennessee law enforcement agency with 101-200 officers**. Officer Rachel Gober was honored with the Director's award for her **dedication and commitment to child passenger safety in Tennessee**. A round of applause also goes to our **SWAT team members who placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the U.S.**, competing against 37 teams across the country. Earlier this month **Officers Herman Gomez and Ryan Schuman** represented Franklin in a national competition in Gastonia, North Carolina. These two competed against large organizations like San Diego, and the United States Military. Way to go guys!

The **Franklin Police Department** has created a knockout **video about the department** for recruitment purposes. The video features almost every aspect of the department including interviews with **Chief David Rahinsky, and Assistant Chiefs Bruce Bateman and Mike Jordan**. You can watch the video on the City's YouTube channel and soon on Franklin TV.  
<http://www.youtube.com/CityOfFranklin>

Earlier this month the Board of Mayor and Alderman gave initial approval to a partnership with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the Harpeth River Watershed Association for a project to remove the **Harpeth Lowhead Dam**. The removal of the dam is requirement of our existing permit for withdrawal of water from the Harpeth. The removal process

will most likely begin next year and WILL NOT interfere with the City's ability to get water from the river. Final approval of this project will likely come before the Board early next year. A large part of the cost will come from the federal government and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Read more about the project in this article in the Tennessean this week.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110922/WILLIAMSON01/309220015/Dam-removal-will-aid-Harpeth-River>

**Finance's Tiffany Wilkins is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot** next week! Former employee, **Matt Reinders from Finance, nominated Tiffany**. Matt said, *"among many others in my department I would like to commend Tiffany Wilkins for preparing the urgent payment request form and posting the receiving ticket for the purchase of a bucket truck on the eve of a holiday weekend"* Tiffany will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, September 26-30. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklinton.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklinton.gov) .**

**TRIVIA TIME!** Today is the first day of Fall. In honor of this great season we thought we'd give away a couple Franklin hats. The first two to answer this trivia question will win the hats. Since we have a little rain today...here is the question. **How fast do raindrops fall? (not including wind-driven rain)**

**Have a great weekend and thanks for all you do!**

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